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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 396
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A RESOLUTION to honor John Tolbert Eskew, 1999 Valedictorian
of Lebanon High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, John is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class at Lebanon High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, John Tolbert Eskew has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, this distinguished student has earned an exceptional 4.0 grade point average; and

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WHEREAS, his tremendous academic success and school activities includes being chosen a member of the 1999 Tennessee Department of Education Honors Program, 1998-99 President of the Beta Club, 1997 President of the Debate Club, Vice-President of the Latin Club, Assistant Editor of the Yearbook, member Mu Alpha Theta Math Club and the Quiz Team and selection for the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, this well-regarded young person has generously contributed his time and considerable expertise to numerous extracurricular activities including the American Legion Boy's State as a Delegate; the Marching and Jazz Bands as a Field Commander, Clarinet First Chair, member of the Band Council and as a member of the All-Mid-State Band; the Graduation Committee; the Knowledge Master Open as Captain; the Presidential Classroom as a school representative, the School News Broadcast as a host; the Senior Night Committee; the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts in Music; and the University of Tennessee Engineering Quiz School as Captain; and

WHEREAS, his community service activities include being a member of the Cumberland University Concert Band, the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation School, the Interact Club, the Cook's United Methodist Youth Fellowship group, the Volunteer Spirit Cloggers, and the Wilson County Youth Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys history, storytellers, and the theatre and is a member of the Cook's United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, John's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, John's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Donald and J. Lain Eskew, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, John's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to salute the accomplishments of one of Tennessee's best and brightest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING That we honor and commend John Tolbert Eskew on being the 1999 Lebanon High School Valedictorian and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with this final resolving clause deleted, be presented to John.